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SUBJ: VISAS: OPERATIONS: ELIMINATION OF NIV SEMIANNUAL
REPORT, FS-258 (PART 1)

AT THE END OF THIS WEEK WE LOSE THE REMAINING SUMMER
TEMPORARY HELP IN THE CONSULAR SECTION. ALTHOUGH NON-
IMMIGRANT VISA WORKLOAD IS GOING DOWN IT IS STILL
HIGHER THAN SAME TIME LAST YEAR AND THE NUMBER OF CASES
RECEIVED FOR PROCESSING EACH DAY IS WELL OVER 1,000.
IN ADDITION WE HAVE THREE VACANCIES IN THE VISA BRANCH,
AND VISA EMPLOYEES WHO DID NOT TAKE LEAVE DURING THE
PEAK SEASON WILL BE DOING SO NOW. EVEN SHOULD WE BE
GIVEN THE ADDITIONAL VISA PERSONNEL REQUESTED, WE WOULD
NOT EXPECT TO SEE THEM ON BOARD FOR SOMETIME, TAKING ALL
THINGS INTO CONSIDERATION.

THEREFORE, WE MUST CONTINUE TO FIND WAYS TO CUT WORK-
LOAD. WE SPEND A VALUABLE TWO TO THREE HOURS EVERY DAY
QUOTE MASSAGING UNQUOTE 257'S IN ORDER TO OBTAIN A
DAILY TALLY OF NOT ONLY THE TOTAL NUMBER OF NIV'S ISSUED
AND REFUSED BUT BREAKING THEM DOWN BY CLASSIFICATION
CATEGORY AND NATIONALITY. IF WE DIDN'T DO THIS DAILY IT
WOULD BE PHYSICALLY IMPOSSIBLE TO OBTAIN A SIX-MONTH
TOTAL FOR THE SEMIANNUAL REPORT.

I STRONGLY URGE THAT THE SEMIANNUAL REPORT, FS-258 (PART
1), BE ABOLISHED SO WE MAY DISCONTINUE ON OCTOBER 1 THE
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DAILY TALLY OF NIV CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES AND

NATIONALITIES REPEAT NIV CLASSIFICATION CATEGORIES AND NATIONALITIES BUT NOT THE DAILY COUNT OF NIV'S ISSUED AND REFUSED WHICH WILL CONTINUE TO BE SUBMITTED MONTHLY ON FORM FS-258. THE BREAKDOWN OF NIV REFUSALS WHICH ARE NOW FURNISHED SEMIANNUALLY ON FORM FS-258 (PART 1) COULD BE INCLUDED ON THE MONTHLY REPORT, FS-258.

I REALIZE THAT THE SEMIANNUAL REPORT IS THE SOURCE OF SOME STATISTICAL TABLES PUBLISHED IN THE VO ANNUAL REPORT, BUT IS THIS DATA ABSOLUTELY ESSENTIAL FOR THE PROPER ADMINISTRATION OF THE VISA PROGRAM UNDER THE ACT?

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